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I claim:

1. A method for adjusting the output light properties of a doped optical fiber comprising the steps of:

passing a light ray through the fiber;

monitoring the desired property of the light ray exiting the fiber; exposing the multi-mode fiber to means to adjust the refractive properties of the fiber;

stopping refractive change means as soon as desired output light properties are achieved.

- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the fiber is a doped fiber and the means to adjust refractive index is exposure to laser radiation.
- 3. A optical fiber collimating coupler comprising:

a single-mode optical fiber;

a length of graded-index multi-mode optical fiber attached to said single-mode fiber;

wherein the refractive index of the graded-index multi-mode fiber has been exposed to means to change the refractive properties of the multi-mode fiber.

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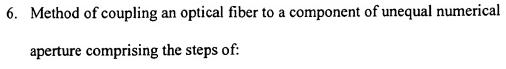
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- 4. Optical fiber collimating coupler according to claim 1 in which the means to change the refractive properties of the multi-mode fiber comprises an ultraviolet laser.
- 5. Method of termination of optical fibers comprising the steps of: removal of protective jacket, ensuring that the underlying cladding is clean; cleaving a single-mode optical fiber; cutting a length of graded-index multi-mode optical fiber to a length L which approximates B(n + 0.5) wherein B is the beat length of the light ray expected to pass through the multi-mode fiber, and n is any integer; fusing the multi-mode fiber to the single-mode fiber; passing a light ray through the single-mode fiber; monitoring the collimation of the light ray exiting the multi-mode fiber; exposing the multi-mode fiber to means to adjust the refractive properties of the multi-mode fiber; stopping refractive change means as soon as optimal beam collimation is

achieved.

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removal of protective jacket of the fiber, ensuring that the underlying cladding is clean;

cutting a length of graded-index multi-mode optical fiber to a length L which approximates B(n + 0.5) wherein B is the beat length of the light ray expected to pass through the multi-mode fiber, and n is any integer;

fusing the multi-mode fiber to the single-mode fiber;

passing a light ray through the single-mode fiber;

placing the component to be coupled and the fiber assembly in the desired configuration;

monitoring the collimation of the light ray exiting the multi-mode fiber; exposing the multi-mode fiber to means to adjust the refractive properties of the multi-mode fiber;

stopping refractive change means as soon as optimal coupling conditions are achieved .